My dear Pastor.

Your very kind letter received. Enjoyed it with my breakfast. The Holy Spirit must have timed its arrival for it came as a tonic to a somewhat depressed and discouraged man. I feel, however, that I do not deserve such kind words of appreciation, for at best, I am an unprofitable servant.

And that is where I was beginning to get a bit dis-couraged - I see no results of what I am trying to do for our Master, indeed, I was tempted (by the devil, I guess) on that very morning I received your letter to give up everything, for the reason that my poor imperfect service was of no account, and that I was standing in the way of some

other man or woman who could render more acceptable service.

I admit that it is a trifle difficult for me to make three trips every Sabbath, but I want to be loyal first, to the Master whom we love, and second, to you, who are his true and sincere servant, and that to those in Northminster whom I cherish as friends and to those whom I am trying to help, even though I do not succeed — I want to

thank you for your friendship for the Gospel which you preach, for the inspiration which you are to all who know you.

May God bless and keep you and yours, is my daily and constant prayer, until the time comes when we will have rendered our service here and go to be in His care and keeping for ever, when the day will dawn and the shadows flee away.

Yours in His Name

Stowell

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

Chillicothe, O., Sept. 29,1914.

Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson,
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Robbie:

I am just about to write to Mr. Staats of the Calvery Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, and hope that my letter will result in advantage to you. Mr. Staats is a friend of mine, made through a friendship with his wife before he was married, a few years ago. He is an elder in that church and a man of considerable influence. I am hoping to score a number of points in your favor. He may be here at Synod, which meets October 13th. If mot, I willsecure from him the name of the elder of his church who may be a delegate to Synod and have a conference with him. I shall try to learn what the method is of securing a pastor, whether by the candidates visiting the pulpit or the committee visiting the available men. In case the former should be the method, permit me to say that should you be invited out to Cleveland for a Sunday or two, I would like the opportunity to occupy your pulpit in your absence. It is quite necessary that I should make a trip East some time this winter, to look after some very important affairs. You have certainly made a good record in Philadelphia. That ought to count for much in your favor.

I think I had better say that the last pastor fell down in his pulpit work during the last three or four years. He is now tied up with Mr. John Severance, whose father was such a generous friend to Wooster University. I suspect that "Tommie" will continue this connection indefinitely. I am glad you wrote me and I shall do all I can in your behalf.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm. C. Stinson

WCS/HB

1605 Arch St. Philada.Pa.
Nov. 5, '14.

Rev. William Courtland Robinson, D.D.
3504 Baring St. Philada.

Dear Brother,

Upon this completion of the seventh year of your successful pastorate in Northminster Church, the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity has by formal vote laid upon me the pleasant duty of extending to you their congratulations.

Still fresh in our minds is the memory of your father's long ministry of some forty-five years in a single parish in the state of New York. And we desire to express our appreciation of your work among us in this great city. We believe that, in addition to those more visible and tangible results which men can note; there have been very many which, though not written in the records of the Church on earth, are inscribed upon those of the Church in Heaven.

We hope that your prayers, your studies, your pastoral and social activities, your labors in pulpit and Presbytery, your fraternal spirit, and all the influences which you exert as a servant of Christ may have an ever-growing effectiveness toward the advancement of his Kingdom in the important and beloved congregation of which you are the minister, and in the great field of the world at large.

Please accept the fraternal greetings and best wishes of the Ministerial Association, herewith expressed to you ---- their President.

Yours sincerely,

Horace C. Stanton
Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

May twenty-ninth
1 9 1 4 .

My dear Mr. Robinson:

I have your letter telling me that it would be perfectly agreeable to you if I speak sometime in the month of October. As you, yourself, have cut out the first Sunday in October, I am willing to say that I will come on any of the other Sundays, if you will tell me which it shall be.

Faithfully yours,

Edgar F. Smith

To
MR. W. C. ROBINSON,
3804 Baring Street,
Philadelphia.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Cor. Baring and 35th Streets
Philadelphia

November 6th 1915

Dr W Courtland Robinson
3504 Baring St
Philadelphia

My Dear Pastor

I am reminded that tomorrow you will start on your ninth year as pastor of Northminster Church.

I should have said the successful pastor of Northminster Church for after eight years of faithful service the Church was never in better shape from any point of view than it is today. I know that you often feel dissatisfied ~~with~~ with the visable results of your strenuous efforts but who of us do not. your continued going in and out before us conscientiously pursuing in your own quiet way the purpose for which you have been called is an object lesson that none of us can fail to appreciate and hold in mind as an example well worthy to emulate.

I sincerely hope that the present happy relations that exist between you and the members of Northminster Church may ever continue.

Sincerely Your Friend
W M Sawyer

First Presbyterian Church

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. James Dallas Steele, D. D., *Pastor*
15 Grove Terrace
George L. Leonhard, *Clerk of Session*
310 Paulison Avenue

Passaic, N. J., April 22, 1915.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

You may be surprised to learn that Rev. J. H. MacArthur posted over to see me yesterday afternoon after getting your letter. He was quite excited to ascertain that I knew anything about his family troubles. We had him for dinner and we kept him all night. At the intervals of a very busy evening he told me his story. I let him talk but did not cross-examine him at all, but the story impressed me as having many weak spots in it, easily punctured. He did admit some wrong doing to me, but mainly he justified himself.

Certain specific instances of calling his wife names I put up to him which he could not get away from. He didn't want me to tell you he had been here, but I see no valid reason why you should not know the facts and so I am telling you.

It seems that Mr. Harbison, the Treasurer of his church, can not come to New York Tuesday and so Mac asked me to request Mrs. Mac. to come to Philadelphia. I have put the matter up to her. He wanted me to recommend her coming to Philadelphia, but I left it with her. I am particularly desirous that she should be put right with Harbison, as he is a generous hearted man evidently, but I fear has been stuffed. (That I say inter nos).

MacArthur suggested calling in Dr. Robert Hunter, perfectly agreeable to me as he is one of my father's boys in the old days. His daughter and son-in-law belong to MacArthur's church. Mrs. Thomas told me in November some things which confirmed my own view of things in the Mac Arthur home. The Thomas family have been kind to him and her. Mrs. MacArthur is now in the Adirondacks.

Very sincerely yours, James D. Steele

First Presbyterian Church

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. James Dallas Steele, D. D., *Pastor*
15 Grove Terrace
George L. Leonhard, *Clerk of Session*
310 Paulison Avenue

Passaic, N. J., April 24, 1915.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your favor of yesterday afternoon and one from MacArthur to hand this morning. I assume that my letter of late Thursday night had not yet reached you when you wrote. I am endeavoring to get Mrs. MacArthur to Philadelphia for Tuesday. But she is near Lake Placid in the Adirondacks at a Post office called Newman and the mails seem to be delayed. I wrote to her Thursday afternoon after MacArthur had left here, but under date of yesterday and a wire this afternoon said she was still waiting for my letter about the 27th. I wired upon my return from the Sunday Tabernacle this afternoon about five to Lake Placid.

She speaks in yesterday's letter about bringing her doctor with her.

I think it is essential that you be at the conference with those outside the family, if that prove necessary. I do not wish to assume all the responsibility, and as you marrid them that is most proper. Mrs. MacArthur I believe trusts you fully and while MacArthur is disposed to be suspicies and I sharply told him so as he was leaving, beacuse he expressed the thought that I was "antagonistic to him" he realizes more than he did the serious hole he is in and admitted some things to me as I have already intimated. I know Newman and his presence would be entirely agreeable to me if that is deemed advisable. Where do you suggest for meeting in Philadelphia?

Very cordially yours,

James D. Steele

First Presbyterian Church

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. James Dallas Steele, D. D., *Pastor*
15 Grove Terrace
George L. Leonhard, *Clerk of Session*
310 Paulison Avenue

Passaic, N. J., ~~April 19, 1915~~

My Dear Dr.Robinson:

Mrs.MacArthur writes under date of the 17th.just received this morning that she can be in New York City 27th.inst at the Park Ave.Hotel,33rd.and Park Ave. Can you at your end get MacArthur over and let him bring Harbison his church friend and the two little girls to see their mother. Perhaps you and I togetherc can get them to some sensible agreement. His ministerial futture hangs in the balance and he must make concessions for his own good as well as for the good of the little family he has been the means of bringing nito the world.

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible as I must notify Mrs.MacArthur as promptly as possible.

Unless facts are brought o my attention of which I am now totally unaware I am not disposed to advise Mrs.MacArthur to live with him longer. Of course I hold an open mind for further light that might come from ajoint conference of all interested.

Very cordially yours,

James D. Steele

First Presbyterian Church

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. James Dallas Steele, D. D., *Pastor*
15 Grove Terrace
George L. Leonhard, *Clerk of Session*
310 Paulison Avenue

Passaic, N. J., April 17, 1915.

My Dear Dr.Robinson:

I deem it important that you should peruse and return these medical letters which have come to me.

I have urged upon Mrs.MacArthur planning to meet her husband in New York in the presence of designated friends and going over the whole unhappy situation and if possible reaching some just and fair agreement.

You will perceive that ~~this~~ Dr.McKay advises a separation? I am of course holding a perfectly open mind until I hear what Mr. MacArthur has to say for himself. He is manifestly trying to put his wife in the wrong with certian parties in the congregation, notably a generous minded man named Harbison(in the milk business).

His ltters to Mrs.MacArthur show he has simply heard Mac's tale.

You probably know these Potsdam doctors as I of course do not. I take it their statements are disinterested and impartial as the Reynolds note intimates the treatment of both patients and corresponds accurately with what you and I kew at the time of the misunderstandings that arose betw een the newly-weds.

Very cordially yours,

James D. Steele

First Presbyterian Church

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. James Dallas Steele, D. D., *Pastor*
15 Grove Terrace
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310 Paulison Avenue

Passaic, N. J., Mar. 20, 1915.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

Yours of yesterday is at hand this A.M. I am in thorough accord with your idea of another attempt to get the MacArthurs to meet and talk things over. Perhaps New York City might be common and neutral ground. They might possibly do so to advantage in your presence andmy presence as we were the instruments of getting them together in 1903. I keep your letter for my eye alone as suggested.

You are perhaps aware that Mac has endeavored to create the impression that Mrs. Mac is out of her head &c. It reminds me of the similar attitude of a Presbyter here some years ago when his wife was compelled to leave him because of his Bohemian habits. I do not mean to imply that Mac's habits are similar to this man's, but Jones endeavored industriously to discredit his wife by attacking her mentality. There was absolutely no truth in his allegations.

Anything I can do to heal this unhappy breach count on me for even if it entails sacrifice and unpleasant duty, but frankly I am not hopeful of another reconciliation. He has had twelve years of trial with the present outcome.

Fraternally yours,

James D. Steele

First Presbyterian Church

Passaic, New Jersey

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15 Grove Terrace
George L. Leonhard, *Clerk of Session*
310 Paulison Avenue

Passaic, N. J., Mar.18,1915.

My Dear Dr.Robinson:

Yours of yesterday is at hand and I thnak you for the prompt reply. I am enclosing Mrs.Mac's communication to me with enclosure which read and return. I see little hope of anything but a separation,unless that attitude change and I am perfectly frank in saying that believing what she has told me I am not disposed to blame her attitude. It matters little as to his yielding peaceably r otherwise to a separation. It is greatly to his advantage to do it without publicity,which might easily wreck his further ministerial usefulness,so sensitive are most congregations about such matters as your experience will easily testify. With you I prefer to join couples,but a fairly large experience in such matters tells me that sometimes a quiet peaceable separation is best. It need not necessarily be final,sometimes the old affection revives.

I have not talked with him on the matter at all,nor does he know that I know all I do know.

No doubt he has a plausible story,but you know the Rutherford family before you knew him and can form your own judgment. Mrs. Mac Arthur impresses me as perfectly sane,whereas there was that time of the first separation when his sanity was questioned by many

With every good wish

Cordially yours,

James D. Steele

First Presbyterian Church

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. James Dallas Steele, D. D., *Pastor*
15 Grove Terrace
George L. Leonhard, *Clerk of Session*
310 Paulison Avenue

Passaic, N. J., Mar.16,1915.

My Dear Dr.Robinson:

I assume that you are more or less familiar with the unhappy conditions in the home life of our friends,Rev.and Mrs.James H. .MacArthur. As we were instrumental in 1903 in getting them reconciled after their separation it now looks as if it were in a measure up to you and me to do what we can to have a quiet separation , without the pitiless publicity of legal action.

I have heard just yesterday from Mrs.MacArthur who is at her father's in Norwood,St.Lawrence Co.,N.Y. She says inter alia "this is avery hard thing but it has come to the point where I hope I may never have to see him again." At her request I called upon her, her sister, and Miss Margaret Beatty,daughter of one of the Bethesda Church elders, in New York City as she went North. She rehearsed to me some of the treatment accorded her and the vile names used to her by her minister husband.

Her great anxiety now is about her two little girls Esther and Ruth now with the father. The little one is with her. As mother I believe her entitled to their custody, with of course the father's prviilege of visiting them or having them spend a specified period with him.

I am hoping I may be able to get over again to Philadelphia this this Friday,but a busy week makes it doubtful. Meantime I should be pleased to have your views and your feeling as to what we can or ought to do in the premises.

Fraternally yours,

James D. Steele

My dear Mr Robinson! -

I will

trail along, anything you think will be a help to build up and help the Church count me in on the <u>quiet</u>.

The best thing Mrs Stoddard and myself could wish on a wedding anniversary, is that the couple only had one half as much joy and pleasure as we have had in our first

year, and this we wish you and Mrs Robinson.

It would be impossible for me to express my debt of gratitude to you for all the things you have done for me. I shall never fail to appreciate your kindness when in the hospital and assisting in the marriage ceremony.

I hope that in the Fall Mrs Stoddard will have regained her strength so that we can do more things we would like to do, as I

entertaining a little.

With best wishes for many many happy years believe me

Most sincerely

Harry S. Stoddard

June twentieth

My dear Mr Robinson:-

I will pledge myself for $100 on account of the Church debt. If they are unable to raise the whole of it I might go up a little.

Now I want to say that I think it unfair if they take a contribution from you. I feel and have felt that it is the wrong spirit to ask you to pay our debts. A man that

is as conscientious and as hard worked as you all should not be allowed to shoulder these things that properly belong to the congregation.

I have felt that you have been too liberal and are underpaid ~~unpaid~~, if I may use the expression.

Please pardon me for speaking out in meeting, but we have enough people that could and should come forward and not only clean up our indebtedness but give you a little working capital.

This of course is confidential

and I will send you my check for the amount before the first of March and as I say I might raise it some if others do not see their way clear.

Very truly
Hamp T. Stoddard

December thirteenth

My dear Dr Robinson;—

It would be impossible for me to tell you of the great debt of gratitude I already owe, your very kind attention to me while in the Hospital and afterward in my dark days of trouble will never be forgotten.

Today you have assisted in a ceremony which adds a great deal to the already large

dit and I ask you to accept this little token from one who considers it an honor to call you a friend.

Very truly
Harry T. Stoddart

To
Rev. Dr Courtland Robinson D.D.
June 2 1915

ELMIRA COLLEGE
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

April 9, 1916

Mr. Robinson:

Your letter overwhelms me. Let me say with the utmost emphasis two or three things:

(1) No such cause was behind my leaving Chicago. The Church made every effort to keep me, and when I decided to go, the congregation, the presbytery & the protestant community, as well

as the Session, did me unusual honor.

12, I have done everything that any man could do to stop such reports. Their persistence is akin to the lynching methods used in the South. A jury of 15 men, the elders of the manual, went into the case with the utmost thoroughness & cleared me absolutely. Another jury of 10 men (ministers) did the same & acquitted me, declaring they

believed in my "innocence & purity". To go behind this as Mc Afee does is to refuse to accept ~~their~~ findings which he was not in a position to make because of his only partial & one-sided knowledge of the case.

(3) I have put the whole matter into the hands of a committee, who would make a public statement if publicity were not so fatal in such a case.

(4) I have admitted that I was thoughtlessly indiscreet & repented of it, though wrong-doing & evil intent I was not guilty of. No one charged me with an overt act or any moral transgression. ~~of a moral law~~.

I quote on another sheet from two letters, each from an elder of Immanuel. I append their names & addresses, & you are free to write them, or any other members of the Session.

That I should be still wounded after all this seems to me both unbrotherly & wrong.

Appreciating your friendship, I am Very Sincerely,

John Balcom Shaw.

"I wish as a (over) member of the Session to say that the 15 elders that composed the Session, after 6 weeks of the most thorough investigation, in which all the parties were patiently heard, unanimously signed a statement completely ~~exonerating~~ exonerating our minister, even of any intended wrong, much more of any guilt, and assured him of their continued affection & confidence"

(Elder, J. M. Rust, Union Oil Co., Union Old Building, L. A.

(over)

"Oh, how I wish we had you back. I desire to say emphatically that you were never asked directly or indirectly to leave; that the Session found you guiltless & had full confidence in you, and has yet. It was not a case of wholesale, and nothing would have ever come of the matter if ill-minded people had not put themselves into it."

(Elder) C. M. Staub, 330 Broadway
L. A.

ELMIRA COLLEGE
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My Dear Robinson:

You are a true, good friend and have done the Christian thing in writing me direct. It is so much better to be frank & fraternal in such matters.

The Continent's editorial comment was contrary to fact. I quote from the official action taken by Emmanuel Session & sent by its Clerk to the Continent: "This is absolutely untrue; hence your censure & charge of hypocrisy are unjust & should never have been published without confirmation of your information." I was not asked directly or indirectly to resign, nor did I need to leave. On the contrary, the Session, the three boards, and

the Congregation (twice) unanimously asked me to remain.

A year ago, a malicious person or persons started some talk, which I insisted the Session should go to the bottom of. They did so with the utmost thoroughness, giving six weeks to the investigation, and unanimously signed a statement exonerating me. Afterwards 10 members of the Los Angeles Presbytery, including the Moderator, the Stated Clerk and the Supt. of Church Extension, signed a still stronger statement. I did not think of having it a considerable time after the matter was thus disposed of. No immoral act was ever charged ~~up~~ against me through it all. That I was unwise, I confess, but I deny any wicked act or intent. It was the outburst of my peculiar temperament, and since the Continent article appeared,

which to say the least was both unwise & unbrotherly, I have put the case into the hands of three or four Chicago friends, (ministers) who have kindly undertaken in a quiet way to straighten the matter out. If it had not been for the peril of publicity, they would have issued a statement.

In view of my frankness, I think you should repeat my statement to any to whom you may know that the false report has come, and also give me the names of your two informants, that the Committee in Chicago should be able to write them as to their disposition of the case.

Appreciating your letter & the friendship behind it,

believe me

Fraternally yours,

John Balcom Shaw

February 17,

1916.

ELMIRA COLLEGE
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your second letter has come and is much appreciated. If the other gentlemen you refer to had been as brotherly & come straight to me, the matter could have been easily explained & cleared up. May I ask you if Cochran isn't one of those you refer to? Anything you may do, either

to keep me informed or to arrest the rumor, I shall profoundly appreciate.

The outburst of temperament I spoke of had special reference to a young man who was studying for the ministry and came to me for spiritual counsel. After I had prayed with him, he said I want you to take the place of a father toward me. (His own father had practically deserted him) and I said, I will, & kissed him, as I would one of my own sons. A specialist whom I con-

sulted said that was as natural with my temperament as the kissing of my sons & he could believe it was as spontaneous & innocent as that would have been. And yet one to whom the young man told it in appreciation of me, went away and misconstrued it. My temperament is affectionate & demonstrative, and what others misconstrued our session, after looking into the matter & personally

questioning the parties, was convinced
was in that harmful intent or thought.
~~At~~ There was <u>absolutely</u> no whitewash-
ing. An elder in a letter just
received says: "Some day (the Continent) Best will
be brought to see his mistake and
the gross injustice done us."

With earnest thanks,

Yours very sincerely,

Wm Balcombe Shaw

P.S. Let me add that I have personally
expressed my deepest sorrow to those mis-
judging me for any cause of offence which
may have come from me. W.B.S.

Dearest For.

I thought you might like to read the enclosed letter which Jack very kindly supplied at my request. I am going to see just what kind of a proposition I can be offered. Very likely there is nothing. I really do want to go over for the summer if I can. There is no getting married stuff in it. I doubt much if the G.F.E. can swing her proposition. I want to go quite a lot. I would like the experience, I think I could do some good. It would be the experience of a life time. And absolutely no danger at all - Of course if Bunny steps on it it will finish it, but I hope she will not. I don't want to spend the summer in Delhi if I can help it, and it is not that I do not like it there. Everybody I meet or know has gone abroad or is or are and I have got to do it. I don't want to wait as long as you did. I want to go often and stay long. It looks as if I just had to break the ice and get over once. After the

first time it is easy. Please try to persuade Bunny slow and gently so if I should happen to be able to go — and it is a mere chance — I can accept.

I have always wanted to go. Every time I see a line pull out of city. I wish awfully I was aboard her. I guess my sea-captain grandfather has influenced me. It is so easy to go now-a-days. Practically all I know here in town have been, some many times. It helps to have been abroad. I am sick of talking along about things there and then when I seem to know a lot about places then they ask "Have you been there too?" That's a blow. It seems as if all the studying I have done has been about Europe. All these Profs. talk of their being there as if it were a mere commonplace. I want to do it too. This looks like a good pre way to spend a summer then and I say it is a good thing. I just want to step on European soil once - for a starter. I'll take a chance on the second and 20th trip. I want to salt down no. 1.

I don't think you will take hardly to the idea. You are pretty good, but Bunny does

hate to thought so! - I don't like to stir up her feelings by saying anything about it & spoil the happy hour. But I can't keep quiet all my life and you know there is never going to be a good time for me to go abroad for Bunny. We have had the matter up several times. Please you try to pave a way. Go slow and just let's keep it simmering. Bunny is as good as gold if you just let her get her mind turned over to your way.

I am making you particeps criminis I know, but I think you are an ally. If you were in the war atmosphere I am with both who have been over or are going back et al. you would feel it too.

I am trying to get an interview with this man Hibbard. I have pulled all the wires - a friend in N.Y. - whom he sent over & who wants me to go (a 1914 fellow) John R. Mott - Stevey's Jack - (I have not Stevey's letter yet) John R. is Hibbard's boss. John R wrote me in the fall he would help in the spring to get me something.

Please send letter back speedily.

Love you - nothing is fixed - so don't throw a life line - criticize and advise. If I can't say so - you know how - Love you & Bunny

Stewart

February 8th, 1916

Dear Dr. Shaw:

I think you are well aware of the friendship and admiration which I have had for you during the many years of our acquaintance. Therefore I need not justify myself in writing this letter.

Of late I have heard from two persons a most unpleasant and unhappy tale concerning you, and the reason of your leaving Los Angeles. I have been told also that the Editorial in The Continent not long ago, about commending a minister when in reality the situation was different, was intended to strike at your case. I cannot say that these things are widely circulated, but they were told me without any restrictions, and in one case somewhat in detail. They surprised and troubled me very much. They are so serious that no Christian man can hear them without action of some sort. If these stories have come clear across the continent, you certainly must have heard them.

I therefore in a most friendly spirit write you hoping to have either a denial or explanation. If neither is possible, I am sure that they will eventually utterly destroy your usefulness at the head of that institution. Please understand I have heard these things only as a report given me by men whose names I will not tell, but they are men who are of noble spirit and kindly hearts and have believed them else they never would have repeated them.

I may be that you will be kind enough to write me concerning the matter. The circle of those informed naturally increases. I myself discussed it with one brother minister and we were both very much

shocked. I hope that there can be an absolute, unequivical denial and repudiation, and in that case I think you have just cause to search out the originator and demand an explanation. A minister's good name is his chief asset. I hope you will understand the spirit of this letter.

Yours most sincerely,

Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D.D.
Elmira,
New York.

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CLINTON, N. Y., Mar. 8th 1912

Dear Brother Robinson

I thank you for your letter of sympathy & for your kind expressions of appreciation of my father. He was certainly a good man and he had a long life — longer than I desire to have, please God. I was sorry not to have had a good visit with you when you were here. I have always a warm place in my heart for you, as you did so much to help me when you were here. You have proved a loyal friend, and I shall always remember you with lovingkindness.

Your sincere friend
H. B. Sykes

1281 W. 36th Place,
Los Angeles, Cal.,

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The enclosure was forwarded to me and I have been intending to reply but have been traveling so much that I neglected to do so.

If all goes well I expect to spend a couple years here. It is a pleasant change from Philadelphia's cold weather.

Some of the Congregation are good enough to let me hear of Northminster occasionally, but my regret is, that I have been unable to be one of you. When I joined I expected to attend regularly but we never knew. When I come back I hope to be active.

With best wishes, I am
Very sincerely,
Alice R. Steele.

Nov. 11th, 1912.

Oct 29. 1912

My Dear Pastor

I thought that next Sunday would be your fifth anniversary but the church calendar makes it last Sunday. However, even if late I send you congratulations but I think the congregation is to be still more congratulated for securing and enjoying your services for the past five years and I hope that both pastor and people will have very many happy returns of the day.

While there have no doubt been differences of opinion on various questions I know it will please you for me to be able to say that during the past five years I have never known of any member of the congregation making an unfriendly criticism of our pastor and several persons have told me that their experience was the same as my own

It is part of my daily prayer that nothing may ever mar the love and good feeling between our Pastor and his congregation until in old age the Lord takes you home with many stars in your crown

Yours Truly.
John G Steen

March 4, 1912.

My dear Pastor:-

I know you are a very busy man, but I shall not take much of your valuable time. I couldn't possibly let this evening go by without, thanking you, and letting you know how it delighted

because, I certainly enjoyed your sermons on Sunday evening. As yet I haven't found a church like the one I ~~th~~ moved away from.

Your sermons had some very good points in them, ~~for~~ people to take home and think about.

Dr. Robinson, brother is

me when mother told me that you were here and that she was going to become a member of church under your instructions.

Dear Pastor, it was your sweet prayer that did it all.

I am indeed very sorry that we live so far away from Northminster

once more, for calling and for the work you have done.
Jam,
Yours
Mary E. Smith
1542 L 57"

going around to preparatory service on Friday evening so mother will come then instead of Wednesday.

Allow me to thank you for what you have done and may the dear Lord protect you and keep you safe so that you may bring happiness to many more homes, as you have brought to this. Thanking you

4235 Walnut St
Octo. 16, 1912

Dear Doctor Robinson

What a surprise! What a delight to know of the happy outcome of your joint meeting! Did the minds warm the hearts as well as the stomachs of those worthy men? Yes, I rather believe it was your genial, whole-souled way of putting the matter to them, your lack of arbitrary demands and your indomitable energy and determination to give them a fair show in which their opinions differed widely from mine

I am so glad you have the satisfaction of unanimity in your board, but don't speak of this as your first big work. You have been doing a big work ever since you came. It makes me feel as if I wanted to move right back into the old neighborhood and get into the scrimmage. But I am not here for always and I am planning to have some things a little different this year as far as my time is concerned.

Don't wish I had a thousand dollars to give to the good cause, but you know the condition of the proverbial church mouse! I

[illegible] it. But I will work ever so hard towards the organ fund, or in any other way that seems best to you.

I thank you ever so much for letting me share the good news before it becomes public — that really touched me, that you should think of me.

Hoping to see you soon and praying for success upon your splendid efforts and high desires

Yours to command,

Billie [illegible]

Railway Station, CRUDEN BAY.
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JAS. CRUICKSHANK.
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Post Office Telephone—Port-Erroll No. 4.

Kilmarnock Arms Hotel,
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July 22 1913

Clifton Villa

Dear Dr Robinson

I wanted before this to write to thank you for your kind letter of June 2nd. I was so in after the assembly that I simply attended to necessary mail.

I feel you are the man on the Union Sem. Comm. Some of your good friends have great confidence in your just and wise judgment.

We are having a fine rest over here.

Cdly

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I wanted Assembly to have the Moderator [illegible] and would [illegible]

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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September 4, 1913.

The Reverend W. C. Robinson, D. D.,
3504 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Robinson:

Your letter of June 19th has just reached me. Just let me say that we are satisfied that no mistake was made in the Union Seminary Committee, and that the matter was arranged after very careful deliberation.

It is only another evidence of the fact that a man is not always the best judge of his own abilities. If you could have heard some of the faithful, earnest words which were spoken to me of your ability, and if you could know what confidence some of your colleagues have in you from the standpoint of your fairness and judicial gifts and honor, you would not have so low an estimate of yourself.

Let me emphasize that which it is not necessary so to do, that we all have confidence that your Committee will be led in this whole matter, and personally I rejoice to have men of your stamp help us in the great problems which are now facing the Church.

Hoping soon to see you, and wishing you the best kind of a year,

Ever yours faithfully,

John Timothy Stone

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May 8th. 1913.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Philadelphia.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

I am enclosing to you a program and copy of the Induction Exercises for Friday.

It is impossible to say how warmly we appreciate the work you have done in our School, and with common consent the Juniors said they were "very glad you had given them the course this year as they should not wish any one else". Personally I cannot express to you my deep regret over your decision. I know how busy you are and that your Church needs you, but you have been so much to us as instructor and friend to the School. I shall hope, any way, that we may sometimes have you with us for an inspirational address to our students. I feel that the loss of you and Dr. Janvier from our faculty is irreparable.

With hearty thanks for all you have done for us

Very cordially yours,

Edith Earle Stone

January 27, 1911.

Edith Earl Stone, Deaconess,
903 Clinton Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Stone:

I confess that I am not yet clear as to your position. I returned yesterday and received your letter and immediately wired you as follows;

> Just returned and find your letter which I do not understand. Are we to take it as a dismissal or request for conference to adjust matter if possible. Kindly wire collect.

The reason I did this was that the clause of your letter reads thus: "We should be very glad if you would either write or come to us before we make our own final decision known." Yet later say, "After consulting with our Advisory Committee we have concluded that our only course is, etc." Your telegram received this day reads: "No adjustment possible." Will you come for your daughter, or shall we send her home alone."

Before deciding on our course I will have to confer with Mrs. Van Buskirk and, if I can do so before sending the letter to-day, I will acquaint you with her wishes as to going down or having me go down. In any event we will plan that our daughter return on Monday, which we trust is not deferring the time too long for your own convenience or wishes.

I believe it highly important that the matter be thoroughly understood and be done in regular and proper form, as the discrediting of a young lady in this way, if it is done in an improper or harsh way, is hardly in consonance with the principles forwhich your institution is supposed to stand. I would further say that, in any event, we

would desire a copy of the proceedings of your Advisory Committee, duly certified, and other forms [illegible] specified charges and giving evidence therefor. I believe you will concur in the thought that it is assuming a heavy responsibility for any one interest to act as prosecution, judge, jury and attorney for both sides in any matter, and particularly so, when the future of a young and inexperienced girl is involved.

However, it is no use to go into the matter further, as I say, until I know the situation fully and, therefore, you will pardon me for refraining from expressing myself further at this time.

Very truly,

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POTSDAM, N. Y. July 3rd 1911

My dear Mr Robinson,

Dont worry; no one is mad nor was offended at your letter in Regard. He showed it to me last night and I take this opportunity to do some explaining to which you are entitled. I said "no one was offended", but I might qualify it a trifle by saying that it sometimes "touches me up" if I seem to be classed on any lower moral plane than the rest of our family, for, although I am not a church member and am known as more of a "mixer" in my associations than the other boys, still I have always felt that my sense of right, morality and justice was fully as acute as that of the others. This is not finding fault with your letter. I was mighty glad to read it & it did me good.

The ownership of The Arlington has been a source of worry & trouble since Father purchased it. It is one of his few bad mistakes of judgment. I do not think he had any idea of buying it at the moment. He never could withstand an auction & he happened

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in to this sale just at the proper moment.
He wanted to help Dan Barnett by making some one pay a fair price for the property and of course the seller saw a fat chance when he began to bid, and slaughtered it on to him.
Having bought it, he must necessarily, as a matter of pride, endeavor to show that it was not a losing venture, but in spite of that, it has continually lost.
He continued it under lease to George Barnett, who ran the bar in connection & I never heard any criticism of this although we all deprecated it.
A weak excuse might be that hundreds of wealthy churchmen are owners of property in which liquor is sold by lessees.
However, we have and are trying in every way to sell this property. It is essentially a Hotel property and conditions are such that we cannot compete with anything else in this town. It now represents an investment of $35000.00 & while we are willing to lose a good bunch in the sale of it, it seems impossible to find a customer, but we are constantly trying. When Barnett

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left the property two years ago it was dismantled and the hotel patronage ruined. As a business proposition it would be a dead loss if left idle, so Father refurnished it last summer & leased it to a man named Day. This man proved to be a failure & left the hotel in December owing father nearly $2000.00 besides drawing heavily against father's health in the worry & hurt pride.

We then got Mr Norton as manager on a salary, under the reasoning that we must build up a trade at our own expense to make it possible to sell the property. We are fast getting the trade & are nearly breaking even at this date.

I induced father to keep away from the Hotel after Day left, and when the Town voted for license in February I got him to turn it over to me, with the sole idea of protecting him personally from any mix up or criticism on the liquor question. We all regretted that the Town went license & I am making every effort to dispose of the property before Oct 1st at most any sacrifice.

No one was justified in saying that I intended to take out license or be connected with the selling of liquor. I may have joked with some people when the

203 London Ave
Syracuse N.Y.
Jan 5 - 1911

My dear Dr Robinson.

Your kind letter of the 31st came duly. I was glad to hear from you. and specially glad that you were thinking of the trip for Mr Robinson and Stewart -

The "Comic" notice was not quite complete - The sum mentioned will cover the expenses of a good trip. with hotel and Pension. I wish to make it as varied as possible - and let my friends get all kinds of European experience - excepting of course the seamy or disagreeable side. which I hope to avoid. but the Lusitania trip home will cost more than I can possibly afford at the $350.00 figure. but that sum stands for a good trip. and if all agree on the extra we will

return on the Lusitania - and any who wish may do so anyway at the extra cost -

I have a fine trip planned in fact know of none better - at anywhere near that figure - "The Ionian" a one cabin boat from Montreal to Glasgow in a steady comfortable vessel. - I went over on her one year -

The hotels and Pensions are very good - and I am pleased with the prospect now -

I am limiting the number as I detest large parties -

The coaching will be specially desirable - and the places to see are carefully selected - Some very nice people are going - it would be good if Stewart had a chum - and also Mr Robinson. There are some fine men to join the party but

they are older than Hessart.

Thank you for your appreciation of my work. I have much to thank you for - and am grateful.

The work in Cypress Presbytery has been a great joy to me. Though almost the entire personnel has changed in the three years which I have seemed incredible.

Mother is well for her years & spent Christmas with her.

Am very sorry for your loss and your Father's loneliness in the death of the loved one - but some are taken in advance.

May you have a Blessed New Year. and much happiness.

I start for California & the Indians work in February.

Kind wishes to Mrs Robinson and Hessart. Hoping they may yet come. and with regards

I am Yours Sincerely

John N. Steele